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CLARIFICATION OF SECTION 43.61 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All common carriers that provided international telecommunications services in 1997 must file a report of their international traffic data for calendar year 1997 by July 31, 1998. The detailed filing requirements are contained in the "Manual for Filing Section 43.61 Data" (Manual). This Public Notice provides first a brief overview of the Section 43.61 annual filing requirement. Second, it establishes additional billing codes that "facilities-based" and "facilities-resale" (described below) carriers should use to report U.S. and foreign billed traffic that was settled under an "alternative settlement arrangement" for which the carrier received Commission approval under Section 64.1002 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1002. It also makes a conforming change to the billing code for "pure resale" services. Third, this notice provides guidance to carriers with respect to reporting: (1) switched traffic routed over international private lines; (2) "country direct" and "country beyond" services; and (3) "reorigination" services (foreign-billed services which a U.S.-authorized carrier "reoriginated" through the United States). Attached to this Public Notice is a revised table of billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services. This table sets forth the new billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services in a form that is intended to clarify the reporting of data for these services. Carriers that anticipate problems in filing their 1997 data in accordance with the guidelines and billing codes contained in this notice should obtain a waiver prior to July 31.

Overview

All common carriers that billed for international service in 1997, including pre-paid calling card and international call-back service providers, must file Section 43.61 international traffic data by July 31, 1998. Some carriers do not resell international services, but do include on their bills to customers international service charges clearly identified as the charges of other carriers. Such carriers are not required to file Section 43.61 international traffic data.

Section 43.61 filing requirements depend on both the type of service provided and how carriers provide the service. The simplest filing requirements are for "pure resale" services. Carriers provide "pure resale" services by reselling the international switched services of other U.S.-authorized carriers.

Table of Billing Codes

Billing Codes for Facilities-based and Facilities-Resale Services *

Switched Services	Traditional Settlement & Proportionate Return		International Simple Resale and Hubbed Traffic		Alternative Settlement Arrangements	
	public	proprietary	public	proprietary	public	proprietary
<u>Service Originates from the U.S. point served</u> Billed by U.S. Carrier point; or exchanged with an affiliate in destination point country of termination are hard patched through an international point) market and transit fee to intermediate carrier.) Hubbed by a carrier in another international point ** Billed by Foreign Carrier Collect Call Subscriber toll free (800, 888, etc) Calling card or other billing arrangement						
	n.a.	n.a.	11	11	n.a.	n.a.
	1	1	n.a.	n.a.	21	21
	1	1	n.a.	n.a.	21	21
	n.a.	n.a.	11	11	n.a.	n.a.
	2	2	12	12	22	22
	2	2	12	12	22	22
	2	2	12	12	22	22
<u>Service Originates from international point</u> <u>And terminates in the U.S. point served</u> Billed by Foreign Carrier Billed by U.S. Carrier Collect Call Subscriber toll free (800, 888, etc) Country Direct) <u>And transits the U.S. point served</u> Billed by Foreign Carrier cascade arrangement settlement purposes terminating leg originating leg Billed by U.S. Carrier: Calling card or other billing arrangement						
	2	2	12	12	22	22
	1	1	11	11	21	21
	1	1	11	11	21	21
	1	4	11	14	21	24
	3	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	1	5	11	15	21	25
	exclude	6	exclude	16	exclude	26
	1	4	11	14	21	24

Private Line Services	Facilities-based		Facilities-resale	
	public	proprietary	public	proprietary
All circuits from U.S. point to theoretical midpoint of circuit	1	1	11	11

* Facilities-based services are provided using international transmission facilities owned in whole or in part by the carrier providing service. Facilities-resale services are provided by a carrier using non-switched international circuits leased from other reporting carriers. These are distinct from Pure Resale services, which are switched services that are provided by reselling the international switched services of other carriers.

** The US carrier does not make a settlement or settlement like payment directly to the carrier in the country of termination. The US carrier reports as settlement payments for the country of termination any amounts owed to the carrier(s) in the intermediate point. This amount should include any amounts paid by affiliates to the terminating carrier associated with this traffic.